Development Financing Institution catering to the funds requirement of the power sector at Central, State, Private and Joint Sector level, has mooted a concept of India Power Fund (IPF) to meet the debt and equity requirements for this purpose. The proposal is at present at concept stage.

Electrification of villages during 2002-2003

190. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without access of electricity in the country; State-wise list;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target for electrification of villages during 2002-2003; and

(c) if so, the number of villages targeted for electrification during this period; State-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of unelectrified villages in the country as on 31.8.2002 is given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) State-wise details of villages proposed to be electrified during the year 2002-03 is given at Statement-II. (*See* below). Besides, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources have also planned to electrify 500 remote villages during the year 2002-03.

Statement-I

Electrification of villages during 2002-03.

Unelectrified villages in the country as on 31.8.2002

S.No.	States	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-(*)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh (^)	1333 (f)
3.	Assam	5666 (b)
4.	Bihar	19552 ($$)(e)
5.	Jharkhand++	—
6.	Goa	—@
7.	Gujarat(^)	—(*)
8.	Haryana(^)	—
9.	Himachal Pradesh(^)	107 -

S.No.	States	
10.	J & K	182 ($)(d)
11.	Karnataka(^)	302 (+)(c)
12.	Kerala(^)	—
13.	Madhya Pradesh(^)	1495 (f)
14.	Chhattisgarh	1513
15.	Maharashtra	—(*)
16.	Manipur	181
17.	Meghalaya	2904 (d)
18.	Mizoram(^)	7 (f)
19.	Nagaland(^)	—(f)
20.	Orissa	11757 (a)
21.	Punjab(^)	—
22.	Rajasthan	1368
23.	Sikkim(^)	—(#)
24.	Tamil Nadu(^)	—
25.	Tripura(^)	40 (f)
26.	Uttar Pradesh	19684 (f)
27.	Uttaranchal	3035 (d)
28.	West Bengal	8268 (f)
	TOTAL (STATES)	77394
	UTs	0(*)
	G. TOTAL	77394

(^) Achievement as per new definition of village electrification.

(*) Fully electrified Balance not feasible.

(#) Provisional 40 Nos. forest villages not electrified.

(@) Provisional to be confirmed as per 1991 census.

(+) 280 villages declared non-feasible for electrification.

(++)-Separate data not available.

($$) Achievement as per 1981 census.

($) Achievement as per 1971 census. 1991 census not held.

(a) As on 30.4.2001. (b) As on 31.10.2001. (c) As on 30.4.2002. (d) As on 31.3.2002. (e) As on 30.6.2002. (f) As on 31.7.2002.

Note: Maharashtra State switched over to 1991 census, 63 villages declared non-feasible for electrification.

Source: CEA's report on village electrification (Aug. 2002)

Statement-II

Proposed physical targets for States for village electrification during 2002-03

State	Target for 2002-03
Arunachal Pradesh	131
Assam	1067
Himachal Pradesh	22
Manipur	3
Meghalaya	89
Nagaland	1
Uttaranchal	638
Sub-total	1951
OTHER STATES	
Bihar (including Jharkhand)	3512
Chhattisgarh	329
Madhya Pradesh	44
Orissa	1673
Uttar Pradesh	3274
West Bengal	1545
Sub-Total	10377
Sub-Total of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources	500
TOTAL (All India)	12828

Restarting Dabhol Phase-I Plant

191. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "GE doubts Government's hasty recast plan for Dabhol Power Project" in "The Indian Express" of 24th September, 2002, in which doubts have been expressed about restarting the Dabhol Phase-I plant within 2-3 months and the ability of NTPC, involved in the recast exercise to provide the required service, spares and replacements for the turbines of the project;

(b) whether commercial arrangements are underway with MSEB, indigenous and overseas financial companies to identify new potential operators to assess damages and restart the project; and

(c) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes Sir. The said news-item has been seen. In a letter dated 13th September, 2002, the President and